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## Upcoming Events . . .

Civic Education Programs  
Sept. 13 - 14 and Oct. 4 - 5  
Sign-up for *We the People and Project Citizen* teacher training. Programs focus on the history and principles of the constitution, and also promote responsible participation in state and local governments.

For more information contact Veray Wickham at 468-9021.

Math, Science Project Day  
Sept. 30

It's the 10th Annual Math, Science Project Day at Ripon High School. Highlights include: keynote speaker Eric Bull, Star Lab program, TEAM Science program, TOPS Program, and Delta Sierra Science Project.

Agriculture in the Classroom seminar  
Oct. 2 - 3

Participants learn the importance of agriculture in SJC and are given ideas on how to incorporate agriculture lessons with other curriculum areas.

Contact Katie Matthews at 931-4931 for more information.

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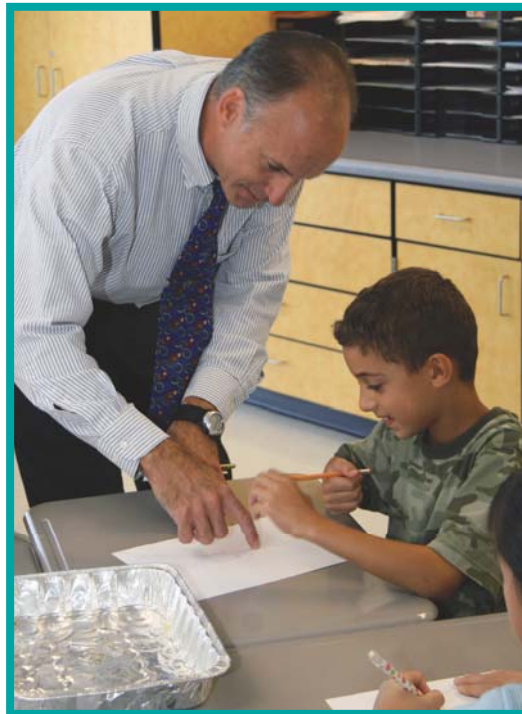
## Christopher Funge *County Teacher of the Year*

Making a difference and shaping young minds as a teacher was probably not at the forefront of a young man's mind, fresh out of college as a history major. However, almost two decades later Christopher Funge's passion and ability to make a difference in students' lives would shine. A teacher from Lodi Unified School District (LUSD), Funge is honored as San Joaquin County's 2006-07 Teacher of the Year.

Funge's colleagues say he has "a natural ability to connect with students," but he credits his own teachers for the skill and passion that have shaped him into the teacher he is today. From a 23-year-old history major graduate to 19 years later, working as a third-grade teacher within LUSD the road has been a long but enjoyable one for Funge.

He began substitute teaching for Lodi Unified as his wife, Carole, went through the credential program at California State University, Sacramento. A year later his exposure to the field of education and the non-traditional approach used to teach him while in high school showed Funge that he could make a difference. These experiences led him to his multiple-subject third-grade position at Ellerth Larson Elementary School.

"Every once in a while a teacher comes along that shines a bit brighter than other teachers," said fellow third-grade teacher Carol Wood. "This year I have had the pleasure of working with such a teacher, Chris Funge."



Funge, San Joaquin County's 2006-07 County Teacher of the Year, is teaching his third-graders about Picasso through art.

In addition to his time in the classroom Funge divides time between teaching at University of the Pacific as a master teacher; serving as a director and representative of programs, as well as a lead teacher for LUSD; being active within his community by volunteering as a coach for the Seals Swim Team and organizing tours for the Stockton Astronomical

Society. However, his most significant contribution

surely lies with shaping individuals as a teacher.

"Mr. Funge's ongoing display of enthusiasm, creativity, and caring are almost contagious and he is well respected, albeit admired by his students, their parents and his professional colleagues throughout Lodi USD," said Principal Cheryl Nilmeyer of Larson.

Each year San Joaquin County selects one Teacher of the Year from applicants throughout the area's 15 school districts. As this year's selection, Funge now advances to the state level where he will be considered for one of five California Teachers of the Year.

# COMMUNITY EFFORT FOR KIDS



The San Joaquin County Office of Education held its 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Educational Foundation Golf Shootout at The Reserve at Spanos Park on Friday, August 14. The record-breaking event raised more than \$55,000 to support student activities throughout San Joaquin County.

An exhilarating day for business owners, educators, and individuals was kicked off as Mark Souza of Souza Brothers Heating and Air Conditioning recorded a hole-in-one on the Reserve's 165-yard 15<sup>th</sup> tee.

"It was all luck," said Souza.

Luck or not Souza's ace netted him \$20,000 toward a new car at Zamora Automotive.

Nearly 150 golfers participated in the Golf Shootout, raising funds to support student activities like Mock Trial, Academic Decathlon, Spelling Bee, Science Camp, and many other activities throughout the year.

"We play every year because we believe in the kids and we believe in the cause," said third-place finishers Bobby Wheeler Jr. and Brian Baumgartner. "It's an excellent tournament that everyone enjoys."

Watch this month's edition of Outlook: The Television Show, Wednesdays at 8:00 p.m. on channel 95 to view clips from the tournament.

"It was a fun day filled with great golfing and friends, all for a good cause"

~ Jim Clark and Rob Taylor, two first place winners



*Pictured above first place winners: Doug Martin, Jim Clark, Rob Talor, and Mike Herring*

## Senator

### Machado visits San Joaquin County Office of Education



On Tuesday, Aug. 1 Senator Machado made his annual visit to the San Joaquin County Office of Education and met with county-wide Superintendents and Assistant Superintendents to discuss the San Joaquin County school system.

All present were proud to share stories about students, activities, and events within the districts. Machado also listened attentively as concerns of budget cuts and under-funded programs were voiced, and then asked for input and suggestions to overcome these issues.

Machado concluded the meeting with praise, "Everyone looks at education from a macro sense... it doesn't do justice to what is actually done within the districts."

For legislative news and updates visit [inside.sjcoe.org](http://inside.sjcoe.org).

# YouthBuild San Joaquin It's giving youth a second chance

Pondering the idea of transforming ones life was the reason that teenagers like Chrystle Belton first looked into YouthBuild San Joaquin.

"I've been on probation and it's time for a change," said Belton at a recruitment fair for YouthBuild San Joaquin.

San Joaquin County Office of Education has embarked on a new program, YouthBuild San Joaquin, giving local Stockton high school drop-outs ages 17 to 18 a second chance, while making improvements within the community.

Young Elijah Williams, an advocate and alumni of YouthBuild San Francisco spoke about his experience.

"The program taught me that I am responsible for making a change for myself," said Williams. "However, it provided me with the skills to do it."



Completion of this program results in a high school diploma or GED, and offers skill training in the construction trades, while earning nearly \$10,000 per year. It is seeking more than 100 applicants by Sept. 22, and then will go through a rigorous selection process wrapping up with 35 to 40 individuals chosen to participate in the nine-month training program. However, those not selected will be referred to other programs or will have the opportunity to apply next year.

"We are excited to have the opportunity to bring this program to Stockton youth," said YouthBuild San Joaquin director, Sheilah Goulart. "It will allow us to serve a high-need group of young adults."

YouthBuild San Joaquin is recruiting low-income residents living south of the Ort Loftus Freeway. To apply or learn more about the program contact Sheilah Goulart at 468-9246 or visit [www.sjcoe.org/youthbuild](http://www.sjcoe.org/youthbuild).



**one.** STUDENTS VOYAGE ENDED WITH A MAGNIFICENT SIGHT OF MOUNT WATKINS AND CLARK RANGE

## The Trip That Changed Their Lives Forever

### **one.** students participate in Yosemite's Wildlink expedition

In the unending quest for new adventures, Dan Randrup, coordinator of Quests and Outdoor Education embarked upon a rare opportunity when he discovered the Wildlink program at Yosemite National Park.

"I knew that this experience would change their [**one.** students] lives," said Randrup.

In June, five students from **one.** ventured on a six-day excursion to participate in Yosemite's WildLink expedition.

It included a 20-mile hike, which began at Glacier Point and continued through the Sierra Nevada wilderness as they carried full-packs and slept under the stars.

The Wildlink program of Yosemite Institute takes culturally diverse students to the wilderness of the Sierra Nevada on expeditions. This journey gave the kids an opportunity to experience the wilderness first hand, while learning about natural history, preservation, and their own environmental impact.

After returning home to Stockton, **one.** student Anjelica Reyes said, "I thought of how lucky I am, as I rested on top of a mountain 8,000 feet in the air." She added, "It was so amazing. I never thought I'd be where I was this week."

Watch this month's edition of Outlook: The Television Show, Wednesday at 8:00 p.m. on channel 95 to view clips from the quest.



## Student's design becomes department's logo

On May 9, San Joaquin County Music Educators' Association (SJCMEA) selected a new logo. Out of 22 finalists, graduating senior Heather Norval of Lodi High School won the county-wide logo contest.

Prior to Norval's design, SJCMEA, has never had its own logo. In February, Sandra Wendell, coordinator of musical student



to county-wide high school art departments announcing a logo contest. More than 120 entries were received from talented students, many hand-drawn, some computer-generated; however, there could only be one winner.

Norvall was a second year Graphic Arts student and will attend San Francisco Academy of Arts this fall. She has received \$300 from SJCMEA and the SJCOE Foundation for her winning logo and will be honored at the Jan. 13, 2007 High School Honors Concert.

SJCMEA partners with SJCOE and Delta College to put on the High School Honors Concert and the Middle School Honors Concert each year.



Logo contest winner, Heather Norval of Lodi High School

## The Good Samaritan

Instead of donating money to Katrina victims, Hinton built them a new home



KATRINA! It's a name that acquired new meaning last year as we saw pictures of Americans stranded and helpless. Director of Assessments, Kent Hinton looked for a hands-on way to help and found it through Voice of Calvary Ministries in Danville. He used his vacation, paid his own expenses, and ended up in McComb, Mississippi where he built homes for Katrina evacuees.

Located in one of the poorest counties in the United States, pre-Katrina McComb was a town of 26,000 now containing an additional 5,000 evacuees in need. The ministry purchased land and volunteers assembled pre-fabricated 1,100 square-foot homes, that were shipped to the property.

Hinton and 80 other workers, put up walls, installed windows, ran electrical wires, and ended up on the roof. Each house was brought to the point of sheet rock at which time the professionals came in to finish.

The pay-forward system helped Katrina victims purchase the homes with assisted loans. As each house sold, another was built. Hinton met a very appreciative family of eight living in a trailer until their house was finished.

"I could give money, but this allowed me to help in a different way," said Hinton. "Seeing the conditions there made me really appreciate what we have here."

To learn more about Kent Hinton's experience view May's edition of Outlook: The Television Show found on [inside.sjcoe.org](http://inside.sjcoe.org).



## COACHES CARE



With the emphasis on athletics and teamwork so prevalent in schools throughout the nation, California has begun to make sure coaches are properly trained and are instilling the right mentality within their athletes. On Aug. 21, coaches from San Joaquin County attended the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) Instructor Training program at SJCOE. The 33 coaches in attendance were guided on teaching the philosophy of winning and how to apply that to their teams.

Joined with the fact that nearly 65 percent of coaches within California are not certified teachers and out of 100,000 high school athletes surveyed they ranked winning as 10 in order of importance, California's school system has decided to further educate its coaches.

"This program is long overdue," said CIF Assistant Executive Director, Roger Blake. "This program will teach these individuals the appropriate way to supervise and talk to student-athletes."

All coaches must become certified in the CIF Coaching Education Program or equivalent by Dec. 31, 2008. There are three options available to districts and coaches. First of all, coaches can take a course taught by a CIF instructor to become certified as an instructor of the Coaching Education Program. Secondly, coaches can purchase an online version of the coaching education program available on the ASEP website. Finally, districts can create an in-house program after becoming accredited. Contact your district to find out the appropriate method. To learn more about this program or future classes visit [www.cifstate.org](http://www.cifstate.org).

## THE START OF A NEW CONCEPT

The balancing act between working and caring for an infant has always been a difficult task, but finding a situation that offers creative growth at that young age has until recently been next to impossible.

The Creative Early Care and Learning Center fills that void for many parents. Opened August 7, the center serves infants and toddlers and is part of the new School Readiness 0 to 3 program. The program goes above and beyond that of a normal childcare center, serving as an early care support system for families within Lincoln Unified School District.

Ten-month old Abygail Wood joined the center and according to her mother is already reaping the benefits of this new center.

"We've seen improvements in her communication and social skills, and my husband and I have never seen her so happy," said April Wood. "I needed to go back to work, but I wanted Abygail to be a part of a structured program not just a day care. This program provided that."

School Readiness 0 to 3 program also provides home visitations from parent educators and nurses. All provide support and information on child development, health, safety, nutrition, and offer encouragement to families. This program is a collaborative effort by SJCOE, First 5 San Joaquin, Creative Child Care, Inc., Family Resource and Referral, as well as Parents as Teachers. To find out more about this program contact Dawn Speaks from Early Childhood Education of SJCOE at (209) 468-9198.



*Top:  
Julian  
Garibay,  
2-years old,  
and bottom  
right:  
Abygail  
Wood, 10-  
month old.*



# RECRUIT AND THEN EDUCATE



**Migrant Education seeks prospective students within harvested fields**

Recruiters from Region 23 Migrant Education often go directly into harvested fields in hopes of finding prospective students within San Joaquin and Contra Costa counties. A valley grower recently held an end-of-year harvest party for his workers where Migrant staff looked for school-age children and young adults to educate.

“We’re here to recruit as many as we can,” says Migrant Education Recruiter, Maria Gonzalez.

Nearly 70 percent of the workers are undocumented and consequently fearful of strangers approaching them. Migrant Education has developed relationships with the growers who assure workers that they can trust county office personnel.

According to project manager Harold Porras, “Part of the problem is the mindset of undocumented workers, who think they cannot trust anyone.”

However, the goal of recruiters is to educate migrant families about services and programs available within San Joaquin County.



In fact, Migrant Education provides a packet for eligible workers that includes a dictionary, CD, a booklet—to help them learn basic English words, hygiene-kit, and a list of the health agencies that will help them.

To be eligible for a packet, workers must be in a temporary, seasonal agricultural job; have children ages 3 to 21 living with them; and the family must have moved within the last 36-months to seek qualifying agricultural work.

Another item emphasized by Migrant Education is helping out-of-school youth (OSY) obtain a high school diploma or GED. OSY can obtain a GED at San Joaquin Delta College at the end of his or her day within the field.

In addition, educators can now obtain student records when students move from one county to another through COEstar Information System, which maintains records for over 250,000 students in 1,000 school districts.

“Our goal is to recruit and educate as many migrant workers as we can,” said Director of Migrant Education Deborah Abello.

*“We’re here to recruit as many as we can”*  
~ Maria Gonzalez,  
Migrant Ed. Recruiter

## California State School Nurse of the Year



**Ubaldi's talents have earned her a well deserved award**

The June morning she received the news, Gayle Ubaldi, began her day with a walk on the beach. The call was from the California Nurses Organization to notify Ubaldi, manager of health services, that she had been selected as California State School Nurse of the Year.

More than 35 years ago, Ubaldi entered the field of nursing due to her own failure to pass the kindergarten hearing test.

"I strive to inform parents of their child's condition because my mother wasn't informed of my diagnosis," said Ubaldi. "Instead, the school placed me in a lip reading class."

Ubaldi's knowledge, education, and support from her colleagues had evaluators from outside the School Nurse Organization confident that she was the perfect recipient for the California State School Nurse of the Year award.

"Gayle has gained the respect and admiration of those who work with her by applying her philosophy of caring to all aspects of her life," said Patty Mancuso, president of California School Nurse Organization. "She is a model of expertise, empathy, dedication, and clear vision."

In Feb. 2007, Ubaldi will be presented with the perpetual trophy during the State School Nurses Conference. In addition, she will represent all school nurses in California at the National School Nurse Conference in Nashville, TN. Ubaldi now advances to the National School Nurse of the Year to be selected in March 2007.



*"Her leadership abilities, knowledge, and experience provide students with a better place to learn and grow"*

*~ Fredrick A. Wentworth, Ed.D., County Superintendent*

# Valuable Lessons Taught



Exposure to gangs, stopping statutory rape, SWAT training, and crime labs may not be the forefront of most educational programs, but the Youth Leadership Academy has made it their goal to bring these types of subjects and situations into new light.

The six-year old Youth Leadership Academy, a component of Superior Court's Courtroom to Schoolroom program, is run by a collaborative effort of multiple agencies, teachers, and administrators throughout San Joaquin County. Serving nearly 25 local high school students, each summer the opportunity to take part in this program and shadow someone who holds the position of her dreams is a big draw for students like Venture Academy's Nichol Meritt.

"You don't really know what goes on within the community unless you go through a program like this one," said Meritt after participating in this summer's Youth Leadership Academy.

Judge Murray and Judge Vlavianos of Stockton started the program in 1999 to educate young people about the justice system, such as their rights and responsibilities under the law and non-violent dispute resolution.

"Our goal is to expose kids to different career choices and leadership opportunities, as well as educate them so that they know more about the judicial system," said Judge Vlavianos. "It would be great to see one of these kids come back and be a practicing attorney in-front of me someday."

They've created a total of six programs that have affected the lives of nearly 30,000 students since 1999. These include the Classroom Speaker program, Courthouse Tours, Choices and Consequences classes, DUI Prevention program, First Impressions program, and the Summer Youth Leadership Academy.

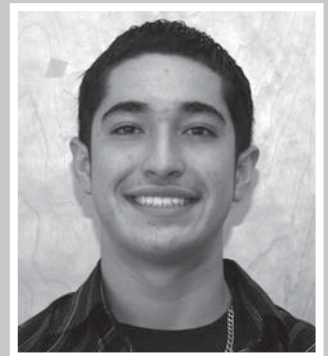


The court is pleased to provide these services to the community and educators may use these programs to compliment curriculum. To learn more about these programs visit [www.stocktoncourt.org](http://www.stocktoncourt.org) or look for the *Courtroom to Schoolroom* brochure on [inside.sjcoe.org](http://inside.sjcoe.org).

## Student Q&A

*Outlook* asks students from throughout San Joaquin County about their views on schools.

*Outlook* caught up with Venture Academy senior Jose Carbajal as he examined the SJCOE ropes course after school.



**Q** What is the best thing about your school?

**A** I like that it's a small school. I get more individual attention and am able to get to know my teachers well.

**Q** What is the worst thing about school?

**A** I don't think there should be 12 years of school. Once you include kindergarten and college, I'll be in school for at least 17 years. That's a long time.

**Q** What do you want to do after high school?

**A** Just yesterday, I decided that I wanted to do something with numbers. So, I think I'd like to be an architect.

**Q** How would you improve school?

**A** Since there are two basketball teams at this school and nowhere to practice, I think Venture needs a gym.





## Dough... for Teachers

Parents, teachers, principals, and friends of teachers who live within Lodi, Stockton, Roseville, Natomas, or Sacramento...here's a great opportunity for your teachers to meet their out-of-pocket supply expenses for this school year!

Panera Bread is sponsoring the following:

### Panera Dough for Teachers Contest

- Teachers can be nominated at [www.panerabread.com/teachers](http://www.panerabread.com/teachers). A brief written explanation is required as to how this teacher uses creativity in the classroom, and how this teacher goes above and beyond what is expected of him or her to help achieve academic excellence.
- Entries judged by a panel to select the top three candidates.
- \$1,000 prizes will be awarded to the winning teachers to use toward school supplies in the fall. One prize to each of the following grade levels: Elementary, Jr. High/Middle School, High School. Teachers and those nominating them must live in the following cities: Roseville, Natomas, Sacramento, Elk Grove, Lodi, and Stockton.
- Official rules are available at [www.panerabread.com/teachers](http://www.panerabread.com/teachers) or in any of the Panera Bread shops.
- Nominate online or via U.S. mail by writing and including a self-addressed stamped envelope to Panera, LLC, P.O. Box 193, West Sacramento, CA 95691.

### Nomination Deadline

- Sept. 15, 2006
- Winners are announced at the end of Sept. and prizes awarded during the Panera Sacramento grand-opening in the beginning of October.

## “SJ A+ READS WEEK SET TO ENCOURAGE LITERACY”



## A+ Reads Week

The seventh annual San Joaquin County Reads Week kicks off Sept. 22 and continues throughout the week with a variety of events designed to encourage students to read.

The A+ 5K Fun Run/Walk & The Record's Day in the Park take place Saturday, Sept. 23 at University Park, and hopes to raise funds to bring authors of children's books to local schools.

Faith communities are asked to include youth reading in their programs and services the weekend of Sept. 22 - 24.

Sunday Sundaes, Sept. 24, is a free event on the campus of UOP's School of Education where you can meet an author and have some ice cream.

Monday, Sept. 25 is Health Literacy featuring visiting authors at various school sites.

Tuesday, Sept. 26 is Government/Library Day with a Reading Rally at Martin Luther King Park introducing 06/07 Reading Ambassadors. County libraries will host "card day."

Wednesday, Sept. 27 is the Spirit of Literacy Awards Gala at Wine and Roses in Lodi honoring literacy advocates.

Thursday brings RAH, RAH! *Read At Home* night encouraging families to spend an evening relaxing and reading together.

Friday is Under 5 Reads Day, targeting pre-school students.

For more information contact Sue de Polo at 473-6131, or visit the web page at [www.SanjoaquinReads.com](http://www.SanjoaquinReads.com).

### Sept. 22-29

FRIDAY,  
SATURDAY, SUNDAY

Faithful Readers

SATURDAY

5k Run/Walk & Family Day in the Park

SUNDAY

Sunday Sundaes

MONDAY

Health Literacy Day/  
Visiting Author

TUESDAY

Government/Library Day

WEDNESDAY

Spirit of Literacy Awards Gala

THURSDAY

RAH! RAH! Read at Home Night

FRIDAY

Under 5 Reads

# NEW! Professional Reading Institutes

The Professional Reading Institutes, part of the San Joaquin Reading Implementation Center (RIC), are celebrating its fifth year of existence, expansion of the program, and construction of new institutions.

Teachers of grade levels kindergarten through sixth are trained to successfully implement the reading and language arts program used within the classroom. The program builds upon current and confirmed research that builds depth and knowledge and expands teaching strategies. RIC training is now available in Atwater, Corcoran, Brentwood, Selma, and Winton and extends for four years.

Year one connects the content of the language arts program to the State Framework and ELA standards.

The second year of training emphasizes phases of direct instruction, pacing of instruction, cognitive preparation, as well as reflecting on teaching.

During year three of training participants read, study, and discuss scientific research. In addition it identifies and plans strategies to support student achievement in fluency, reading comprehension,

vocabulary, writing and small group learning.

This year the fourth level of training has been added for kindergarten through sixth teachers who have taught the adopted curriculum in the same grade for three years. This level gives teachers the opportunity to refine their teaching through reading, reflection and discussion.

If you would like further information about upcoming institutes please contact educational services at (209) 468-9027 or visit [www.sjcoe.org/edservices](http://www.sjcoe.org/edservices).



*Venture Academy students performing at Day of Arts*

## Student Events Catalog now available

The 2006-07 Student Events Catalog is now available for all interested county residents. The catalog includes details on all county sponsored student events including Academic Decathlon, Academic Pentathlon, Artists-in-Schools, Choir Masters Class, County Spelling Bee, Fine Arts Day, Foundation Golf Tournament, and much more!

To get your free copy contact Meredith Davis, 468-9030, or Judy Sato, 468-4866.

## Art Funding

*Don't miss it, it's coming...*



The 2006-07 California State budget has allocated funds for arts education and physical education. Although funds are not yet available, hopefully arts education is on its way toward recovery.

Funds will be available in the near future, providing an average of nearly \$4,000 for each school which requests it.

This funding can be used within the classroom or to support existing programs.

To find out more information contact Michele Culpepper 468-4973 or visit an existing programs sight at [www.edserv.sjcoe.net/ais](http://www.edserv.sjcoe.net/ais).

# Outlook

## SEPTEMBER

## 2006

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<p><b>3</b></p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>Holiday: Labor Day</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>Sept. 5 - Oct. 28, 4 - 7 p.m. CTEL Woodland Fall 2006</p> <p>This course will prepare teachers to take test 1, 2, and 3 of the CTET which is scheduled for December 2006. Contact Toni Ludolph, 468-9269 for more information.</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>9/7/2006 - 5/10/2007; 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. <b>WRITE LEVEL I</b></p> <p>The Writing Reform Institute for Teaching Excellence Institute is a professional development program focusing on improving student achievement through writing. Contact Toni Ludolph at 468-4978</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p><b>Back to School Day</b></p> <p>Wear your child's school t-shirt or your own school t-shirt</p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>Sept. 9 - Dec. 4, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. <b>CTEL Fair Oaks Fall 2006</b></p> <p>This course will prepare teachers to take test 1, 2 and 3 of the CTET. Contact Toni Ludolph at 468-4978.</p> <p>8 a.m. - 4 p.m. <b>SJC Employee Co-Ed Softball Tournament</b></p> <p>Please support the SJC OE team for the 27th annual tournament at Oak Park.</p>	<p><b>9</b></p>
<p><b>10</b></p> <p>6:30 p.m. - 9 p.m. <b>Community Advisory Committee Meeting</b></p> <p>A monthly-meeting support group for parents and families of special needs children. This month's program will be "Social Security Information Sharing" with speakers from the local Social Security office. For more information contact Sharon Gaines at 468-4908.</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>Sept. 12 - Nov. 15, 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.: <b>RSDSS Direct Instruction Institute, Year 2</b> Focuses on effective implementation of State curriculum using direct instruction and EL strategies. Register electronically at <a href="http://207.212.207.8/rdsdssDI/">http://207.212.207.8/rdsdssDI/</a>. For more information contact Gerry Howze at 468-9056.</p> <p>Sept. 12 - May 8, 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.: <b>WRITE Level II</b> Writing Reform Institute for Teaching Excellence Institute focuses on improving student achievement through writing.</p> <p>Sept. 12 - Dec. 5, 4 - 7 p.m.: <b>CTEL Stockton Fall 2006</b> This course will prepare teachers to take test 1, 2 and 3 of the CTET. Contact Toni Ludolph at 468-4978 for details.</p> <p>5:30 - 7:30 p.m.: <b>Informative meeting for scholarship opportunities</b> SJC OE has funds available to help pay for paraprofessionals who want to become teachers. Possess a bachelor's degree come at 5:30 p.m., if not come at 6:30 p.m. Contact Elizabeth Asplund at 468-5906 for details.</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>Sept. 13 - 14, 4 - 6 p.m. <b>We the People</b></p> <p>A nationally acclaimed program to help students understand the history and principles of government with a focus on the U.S. Constitution and Bill of Rights. This workshop provides a free set of classroom texts for 5th, 8th, and 12th grade teachers. Must attend both days to be eligible for books. Contact Verray Wickham at 468-9021 for details.</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>8 a.m. - 3 p.m. <b>AVID Coordinator Workshop</b></p> <p>This workshop is designed to help teach AVID curriculum, use methodologies, and refine their roles as site leaders in building program depth and effectiveness. For more information contact, Alice Smith at 468-9189.</p>	<p><b>14</b></p>	<p><b>15</b></p>	<p><b>16</b></p>
<p><b>17</b></p> <p>Sept. 18 - 19, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. <b>Intro to ROV's Underwater remotely operated vehicles (robots).</b></p> <p>Contact Toni Gutierrez at 468-4883 for details.</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>Sept. 19 - 21, 8:30 - 11:45 a.m.: <b>Shaping a Collaborative School Culture</b></p> <p>Administrators can learn the essentials for shaping a collaborative school culture. Focusing on student learning and results. Register electronically at <a href="http://207.212.207.8/els/SCSCO/index.asp">http://207.212.207.8/els/SCSCO/index.asp</a>. Contact Gerry Howze at 468-9056 for details.</p> <p>Sept. 19 - Dec. 12, 4 - 7 p.m.: <b>AB2913 Stockton</b></p> <p>Provides authorization for English Learners and teaches strategies for assisting them in the mastery of language and literacy skills, as well as the rationale for those strategies and assessment. Ongoing assessment will include development and completion of a portfolio demonstrating classroom use of ELD and SDAL. In accordance with AB2913 guidelines, there will be a final assessment essay at the conclusion of the course. Contact Pam Carson at 468-9269 for details.</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>3:30 - 4:30 p.m.: <b>Scoliosis Screening Training for Middle School Teachers</b></p> <p>Learn to screen 7th and 8th grade students for spinal conditions, provide and/or complete the referral process, be familiar with the education code and perform a scoliosis screening program at school(s). Contact Sylvia Chapel at 468-4960 for details.</p> <p>9 a.m.: <b>Parent Training</b></p> <p>This workshop is for parents of children and adolescents with learning disabilities. Parents will be presented with an overview of social skill development in school-aged children and adolescents. Informal supports and interventions will be presented that are home and community "friendly." Contact Kimberly Andreason at 468-4907 for more details.</p> <p>5 - 8 p.m.: <b>Filemaker Pro Intermediate</b></p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p>5:00 - 8:00 p.m. <b>Filmaker Pro Basics</b></p>	<p><b>21</b></p>	<p><b>22</b></p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p><b>Authors in the Classroom</b></p> <p>An interactive workshop with two renowned authors of children's book, Dr. Alma Flor Ada and Isabel Cam-poy. They will share ideas, activities and lessons for turning all students into readers and writers. This is in collaboration with A+ Day in the Park. For more information contact Toni Ludolph at 468-4978.</p>
<p><b>24</b></p> <p>25</p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p>5 - 8 p.m. <b>Beg/Intm PowerPoint</b></p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p>Sept. 27 - 28, 8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. <b>Transition Training for Teachers</b></p> <p>The workshop focuses on transitions for special education students beginning at age 16. Presenters include Liz Zastrow and Gerrie Schwarzenraub. Fees to be determined. Contact Kimberly Andreason at 468-9283 for details.</p>	<p><b>28</b></p>	<p><b>29</b></p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p>8 a.m. - 4 p.m. <b>Math, Science Project Day</b> at Ripon High.</p>	

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*Let me win. But if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt.* This is the motto for the Special Olympics as well as for Matthew Cirimele of Stockton.

In early July, Cirimele was not only brave, but also a winner of the first USA National Games in Iowa. After becoming a gold medalist at the state level, Cirimele went on to win at the national level, garnering a first place gold medal in the 50-yard breaststroke, second place silver medal in 25-yard breaststroke, and fourth place ribbon in 50-yard freestyle.

"It was nice to get a gold medal and I was glad I won," said Cirimele.

A Lincoln High graduate, Cirimele now attends Stockton Community School and will graduate in December 2006.

To learn more about Cirimele and the 2006 Summer Special Olympics watch Outlook: The Television show, Wednesday at 8:00 p.m. on channel 95.

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